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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program Report Date: October 21, 2004

Mine Name: United Stone

Permit number: Unpermitted--
S/047/079

Operator or Permittee Name:
United Stone

Inspection Date: October 18, 2004

Permittee Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 909, Duchesne, UT 84021

Inspector(s): Paul Baker and Doug Jensen

Weather: Cloudy, rain showers, 40'2

Inspection Start Time: Abt. 2:00 PM

Inspection End Time: Abt. 4:15 PM

Other Participants: We met and spoke with Justin Farley, but he did not participate in the inspection

Site location/Area Inspected (i.e. Pit #):

Entire area (that we are aware of)

Permit Status: Unpermitted

Surface Ownership: Fee

Current Acreages:

Mineral Ownership: Fee?

Total Permitted (Bonded): Not permitted

Mineral Mined: Stone

Total Disturbed: Exact acreage unknown; probably about 3-4 acres

Type of Mine: Surface

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	N/A	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (open shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Explosives, magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Backfilling and Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Purpose of Inspection:

After first inspecting this site in July, I received a voice message from Mr. Farley saying the site would be reclaimed within about the next week. I wanted to see whether the site had been reclaimed.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bond

After I found some of these sites last July, I discussed with the operator the need to permit and bond them. Mr. Farley decided it would not be worthwhile to post the bond and had planned to reclaim them. He was not able to get the work done during the summer, but he assured us it will be completed this fall so he can seed before winter.

The operator has definitely used mechanical earth moving equipment to dig stone in the areas we examined. I intend to give the operator through the fall season to complete reclamation. If it is not done in that time, I will probably need to issue cessation order (which may include a fine).

10. Backfilling and Grading

Photos 1 and 2 are of areas I found last July, and these have not changed. During this inspection, we found additional areas where the operator has been digging stone, and these are shown in Photos 3 and 4. The area in Photo 4 is the largest of the sites we saw.

I told the operator that reclamation could include taking some of the stone that has been dug, but there should be no more digging without first submitting a Notice of Intention and a reclamation bond. Reclamation should not be terribly complicated. Stone should be pushed so it does not protrude so obviously from the ground. Excavations should be filled in, but the final surface needs to be rough. By leaving a rough surface, more water will remain on site to increase plant germination and growth.

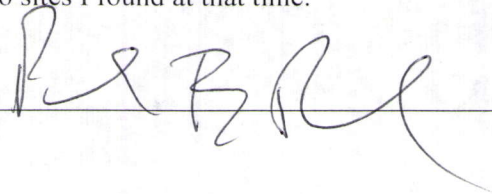
Directions to the site:

Directions to the sites shown in Photos 1 and 2 are included with the report for the July 8, 2004, inspection. To get to the sites shown in Photos 3 and 4, follow the road through Agency Draw. After coming out of the draw, there is a road leading north along the west side of the draw. I did not keep track of mileage along this road, but the sites are about 3-4 miles north of this turnoff.

GPS data:

I did not take GPS data during this inspection, but the report for the July 8, 2004, inspection includes a map of the two sites I found at that time.

Inspector's Signature



Date: October 21, 2004

PBB:jb

Enclosures: Photo attachment

cc: Justin Farley, United Stone

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ATTACHMENT
Photographs
S/047/079, Unpermitted United Stone Site
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Photo 1. Excavation and stone at one of the sites found in July.



Photo 2. Another view of the area shown in Photo 1. Note the palletized stone.



Photo 3. A site north and east of the disturbed areas shown in Photos 1 and 2.



Photo 4. The marked area is a fairly extensive area of disturbance across the canyon from the area in Photo 3.